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ENTERTAINMENT



Weather >> Mostly Cloudy



Wednesday Lobbyist to Tell All

In plea deal, Abramoff agrees to assist congressional corruption probe



MAN IN THE MIDDLE: Lobbyist Jack Abramoff leaves Federal Court in Washington on Tuesday after striking a plea deal that could ensnare some members of Congress in an influence-peddling scandal. WASHINGTON | Jack Abramoff, the lobbyist who spawned a congressional corruption scandal, pleaded guilty Tuesday to three felonies and pledged to cooperate in a criminal probe edging closer to former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

"I plead guilty, your honor," Abramoff said in flat, unemotional tones, accepting a plea bargain that said he had provided lavish trips. golf outings, meals and more to public officials "in exchange for a series of official acts."

In one case, he reported payments totaling \$50,000 to the wife of a congressional aide to help block legislation for a client. The aide worked for DeLay, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. Abramoff also admitted



DeLay

defrauding four Indian tribes, taking millions in kickbacks from a one-time business partner, misusing a charity he had established and failing to pay income taxes on ill-gotten gains.

At the Justice Department, officials said they intend to make use of the trove of e-mails and other material in Abramoff's possession as part of a probe that is believed to be focusing on as many as 20 members of Congress and aides.

Whatever the legal ramifications, there was swift political fallout at the dawn of an election year in which minority Democrats intend to make ethics a campaign issue.

Abramoff faces as much as 11 years in federal prison as well as fines in connection with his guilty pleas on charges of conspiracy, mail fraud and tax evasion. DAVID ESPO (AP)

Cooling off: The Abramoff deal is likely to chill cozy relationships between lobbyists and some in Congress | Today's Washington Post, A Section

MEALS | Weigh Off A Queensland, Australia, jockey lost a \$4,400 racing job Sunday because he was too heavy to ride after eating breakfast, the Waikato Times reported. Scott Seamer watched a TV report that said the owner of the horse he was expecting to



ride had decided to use another jockey for the race. It wasn't true, but Seamer, thinking he had the day off, ate a big morning meal. That put him one pound over the jockey weight limit, so the owner was forced to go with another jockey after all. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

New Potty Training Idea: Scare Tactics

Parents are complaining about an interactive potty-training book for toddlers in which Sesame Street character Elmo asks, "Who wants to die?", WKMG-TV reported. "Potty Time With

Elmo" has lessons with buttons children press to hear Elmotalk, On some copies, one button causes Elmo to say, "Who wants to try to go potty?" On others, however, the button makes Elmo ask. "Who wants to die?"

"It's a sick joke," mother Angela Bolls of Dallas said. "If it's a joke, then it's a bad one, you know? And it's not necessary. It's inappropriate." The company that makes the book acknowledged the complaints. (EXPRESS)

DEVOTION

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London couples who want an extreme way to show their love are ponying up big bucks for "biojewellery" - rings made of bone grown from each other's DNA, the Times reported. To have the

> \$8,600 rings made, couples have their wisdom teeth and fragment of jawbone removed. Cells from the jawbone are then set on a ringshaped scaffold and grown for up to eight weeks. The circular bone

is then refined into a ring. "I see it as a set of biological connections instead of something like marriage, a legal connection," said Matthew Harrison. who is having a ring made for his girlfriend. He acknowledged that some find it "disgusting." (EXPRESS)



Horsing Around

Racehorses are just like any other celebrity — once they're famous, they think they're talented at everything. Take Smarty Jones, the 2004 Triple-Crown-contending thoroughbred, and his newest vanity project: painting. Mary Simons, a volunteer, helped him create a "Moneigh" for ReRun, a nonprofit group that helps find homes for retired thoroughbreds, at Three Chimneys Farm in Midway, Ky., on Friday, The paintings will be framed and auctioned on eBay to raise funds for the group. (EXPRESS)



SKILL

Cat Calls

Police aren't sure how else to explain it. But when an officer went to a Columbus apartment Thursday to answer a 911 call, an orange-and-tan striped cat was lying by a telephone on the living room floor. The cat's owner, Gary Rosheisen, was on the ground near his bed having fallen out of his wheelchair. Rosheisen said his cat, Tommy, must have hit the right buttons to call 911. "I know it sounds kind of weird," officer Patrick Daugherty said. (AP)

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HIGH ROLLERS: Bigger is not necessarily safer when it comes to SUVs. A new study shows any size benefits are offset by an increased risk of SUVs rolling over, making SUV passengers just as likely to be hurt as those in passenger cars.



Nation

In Brief

HARRISBURG, PA.

Ex-NFL Great Expected To Launch Run for Governor

Lvnn Swann, former Pittsburgh Steelers star and veteran football commentator

for ABC Sports, expected to declare his candidacy for Pennsylvania governor on Wednesday.



Swann, a wide

receiver for the Steelers, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

RICHMOND, VA.

Police Investigate Slaving Of Musician, Family in Home

A musician, his wife and two young daughters were found slain in their burning home, reportedly bound with tape and with their throats slashed. Police said Tuesday it did not appear anything was stolen from the home where the bodies of Bryan and Kathryn Harvey and their daughters, Stella, 9, and Ruby, 4, were found Sunday afternoon. Police said they are investigating the crimes as homicides. (AP)

A History of Spying

→ Before the White House formally OK'd spying on citizens, such eavesdropping was already occurring. sources say. | Today, A Section



Outlook Bleak for Trapped Miners

Hope fades as rescuers struggle to reach 13 buried workers

TALLMANSVILLE, W. VA | Rescuers pushed deeper into a mine shaft in a desperate search for 13 trapped coal miners Tuesday, but the prospects of finding anyone alive appeared bleak after holes drilled into the ground vielded deadly levels of carbon monoxide and no signs of life.

"With each hour that passes, the likelihood of a successful outcome diminishes," said Ben Hatfield, chief executive of mine owner International Coal Group Inc.

By early evening, Hatfield said, rescuers were three to five hours from reaching the spot where the miners were thought to be.

The men, trapped 260 feet down by an explosion Monday morning in the Sago Mine, were believed to



Miners who are part of a rescue team enter the Sago mine in W. Va on Tuesday.

be about 12,000 feet past the opening of the shaft. By early evening, about 35 hours after the blast, rescue teams had penetrated 11.400 feet, working their way on foot for fear machinery might cause volatile gases to explode.

The company told families that a powerful explosion had rocked the mine, based on damage near where the miners may be trapped, said Rick McGee, who works at the mine with his brother-in-law, Randal McCloy, who is among those trapped. McGee

A TARNISHED RECORD

In 2005, federal regulators cited the Sago Mine 208 times for safety violations and worker injuries, which included:

- → Failure to dilute coal dust, which can lead to explosions
- → Failure to properly operate and maintain machinery
- → 144 worker safety violations, noted by a state safety panel
- 96 citations that were "significant and substantial"

said, "There's a chance, not a great chance, but there is still a chance" that the miners could still be alive if they were able to barricade themselves, VICKI SMITH (AP)



Is there such a thing as a safe mine? Discussion today at II a.m. on washingtonpost.com/nation

Blazes Scorch Vast Landscapes

RINGGOLD, TEXAS | Firefighters faced windier, warmer weather Tuesday as they battled fast-moving blazes that have virtually destroyed some small towns and charred hundreds of thousands of acres across Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Since Dec. 27, flames racing across grassland and farmland have destroyed more than 250 buildings. Four deaths were reported last week



Firefighters work to subdue a grass fire outside Nacona, Texas, on Tuesday.

in Texas and Oklahoma.

On Monday, firefighters went house to house to search for victims in burned out homes.

One of two major fires near San Angelo in West Texas — a 40,000acre blaze in Sterling County — had been contained, authorities said. Fifteen structures were destroyed and two people suffered minor injuries.

The other major blaze in the San Angelo area, a 50,000-acre fire with a 50-mile perimeter in nearby Irion and Reagan counties, was about 70 percent contained Tuesday. No damages or evacuations were reported.

SHIELA FLYNN (AP)

Gay Activists Sue To Protect Unions

BOSTON | Gay rights activists sued on Tuesday in an effort to block a proposed constitutional amendment that would put an end to same-sex marriage in Massachusetts.

The lawsuit, filed by Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, challenges a September ruling by state Attorney General Tom Reilly that found the amendment drive was legal. (AP)



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Nation

BOO, **HISS**: Cheerleading injuries more than doubled from 1990 through 2002, a new study says. Researchers attribute the rise to the use of more gymnastics moves.



Anti-Terror Funds Shifted

Bigger share of DHS dollars made available to D.C., 34 other cities

WASHINGTON | Communities facing greater risks will receive a bigger share of federal grants this year to counter terrorism and other threats, the Homeland Security Department said Tuesday as it announced that nearly four dozen metropolitan areas will be eligible.

Overall, \$765 million will be distributed under the urban area security initiative, a cut from \$855

million that Congress provided last year, the department said. Some congressional critics have complained that in the past, the program has given too much money to communities that seem to face smaller risks of attacks.

The agency, saying it was revamping the way the assistance is distributed, said 35 metropolitan areas will be eligible for the money this year, but only if they show they will use the money wisely.

Some of the areas eligible include Chicago, Phoenix, Denver, Washington, D.C., Miami, Atlanta,

Indianapolis, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Boston, Detroit, Las Vegas, Dallas and Philadelphia. The only new metropolitan area added this year was Memphis, Tenn.

Another 11 areas that previously received money under the program will still be eligible, but were told they may be dropped next year unless they can show a compelling need and a sound plan for using their share of the \$765 million.

The eligible communities were in 29 states, plus the District of Columbia. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)



President Bush discusses the Patriot Act with federal prosecutors Tuesday.

Bush Pushes For Return of The Patriot Act

WASHINGTON | As the clock runs on Congress' short-term extension of the Patriot Act, President Bush met with federal prosecutors Tuesday and contended that the domestic anti-terror law is vital to keeping Americans safe.

Many key provisions of the law were to expire Dec. 31. Amid a debate over whether the act sufficiently protects civil liberties, most Senate Democrats and a few Republicans united against legislation that would have renewed several provisions permanently while extending others for four years.

Noting the Patriot Act was overwhelmingly approved not long after the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, Bush criticized Congressional lawmakers, saying political considerations now were getting in the way.

Jennifer Loven (AP)



Scott Zeigler sweeps water away from his flooded sheet metal business Tuesday.

Calif. Residents Begin Cleanup, Assess Damage

Rivers recede after storms lash northern part of state, killing 3

GUERNEVILLE, CALIF. | Most rivers and streams throughout California had receded back below flood stage Tuesday following a pair of severe storms, allowing residents and officials to clean up and assess the damage.

While Northern California recovered from the severe weather, heavy rain followed by snow had turned to ice on highways across northern Nevada, creating hazardous driving conditions and dozens of accidents Tuesday morning. No major accidents or injuries were reported.

The weekend storms had dumped up to 8 inches of rain in places, swelling streams and washing mud down hills and onto homes and highways. Levees were breached or weakened, forcing evacuations of dozens of residents. At least three deaths were blamed on the storm — all from falling trees.

On Monday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in seven counties.

JUSTIN M. NORTON (AP)

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World



HEADS UP: Have scientists found Mozart's skull? Researchers said Tuesday they'll reveal the results of DNA tests in a documentary film airing this weekend on Austrian TV as part of a year of events marking the composer's 250th birthday.

Team Starts Review of Iraq Election

Probe may delay final results of poll; U.S. airstrike in Beiji kills 7

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | An international team began reviewing complaints filed over Iraq's parliamentary elections, and an Iraqi elections official said Tuesday that results might not be ready for two more weeks.

Meanwhile, Iraqi police said that U.S. aircraft had bombed a building where suspected insurgents were hiding north of Baghdad, killing seven people.

The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq has completed its own probe of almost 2,000 election complaints and will announce the findings Wednesday, commission member Hussein Hindawi told The Associated Press.



AFTERMATH: Iraqis search the site of a U.S. airstrike on suspected insurgents in Beiji, Iraq, on Tuesday. Iraqi police said seven people were killed in the bombing.

But the commission won't announce final election results until an international team finishes its work, meaning they might not be ready for two weeks, said commission member Safwat Rashid. Officials previously said final results of the Dec. 15 vote would be announced in early January.

The international team agreed to review the vote after protests that the polls were tainted with fraud.

U.S. aircraft bombed a house late Monday in Beiji, killing seven people and wounding four, Iraqi police Capt. Arkan Jassim said.

The U.S. military did not comment on the deaths. It said only that an unmanned aircraft spotted three men planting a roadside bomb and that Navy F-14s bombed a building the three had entered.

JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

In Brief



Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, left, walks with Bolivia's Evo Morales in Caracas.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA

On Inaugural Tour, Bolivia's Morales Visits With Chavez

Bolivian President-elect Evo Morales, fresh from a visit with Fidel Castro, launched a world tour Tuesday by joining with Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez in a denunciation of free-market economics — a sign of the growing relationship among the three leftist leaders. Morales' tour will include stops in Spain, France, Belgium, South Africa, China and Brazil. (AP)

BEIJING

Activist: Chinese Journalist Released Early From Prison

A Chinese journalist who was jailed on subversion charges after reporting on corruption has been released early from prison, ahead of a planned U.S. visit by President Hu Jintao, a U.S.-based activist said Wednesday. Jiang Weiping was released Tuesday after the one year remaining on his sentence was commuted, and he was with his family in the northeastern city of Dalian, said John Kamm, executive director of the Duihua Foundation in San Francisco. (AP)

TEHRAN, IRAN

Iran Tells IAEA of Plans For Nuclear Fuel Research

Iran told the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency Tuesday it planned to resume nuclear fuel research after a 2½ year hiatus. Mohammad Saeedi, deputy head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, said research would "resume in cooperation and coordination with the IAEA in the next few days," adding that it would "have little to do with the production of nuclear fuel." (AP)

Egypt to Deport Sudanese Protesters

CAIRO, EGYPT | More than half the Sudanese migrants who were violently removed from a Cairo protest camp will be deported by ship to their homeland, Egyptian authorities said Tuesday.

Human rights organizations have roundly condemned last week's riot police operation, in which at least 27 people died.

On Tuesday, the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees expressed surprise about the deportation order and demanded a clarification from Egyptian authorities.

But Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Fatma el-Zahraa Etman told The Associated Press that 654 Sudanese would be sent home because "they were either found to be illegal immigrants or refugees who had violated security conditions." (AP)

Ukranians Inflamed Over Gas Dispute With Russia

KIEV, UKRAINE | Disgruntled Ukrainians thronged Bessarabsky Market in downtown Kiev in freezing temperatures Tuesday to buy electric heaters after a natural gas cutoff by Russia brought on by a pricing dispute.

The halt of Russian gas supplies that began Sunday has not yet caused major heating problems, but Kiev residents feared the two sides were far from a resolution. Russian and Ukrainian officials agreed Tuesday to resume talks on the issue.

Residents of the capital largely blamed Russia, which wants Ukraine to pay four times more for gas than it did last year.

"It's Russia's revamped imperialism behind all this. They believe that with the cutoff of gas they can dominate us," said Valentyn Vasilyev, 32, who was among those buying a heater.

The cutoff also reduced gas supplies to Europe, which gets about a quarter of its gas from Ukraine, though the European countries most affected — Hungary, Austria,



A Ukrainian worker operates valves in a gas storage facility outside of Kiev.

Slovakia and Slovenia — reported supplies were back to normal Tuesday.

Some Ukrainians, however, mainly pensioners with strong emotional ties to the former Soviet Union, still believe the country's future lies in the renewal of centuries-long economic, ethnic, religious and cultural links with Russia.

"What are we without Russia? A wasteland, nothing. You argue with a bear and it will ultimately eat you," said retiree Mykola Kostenyk.
ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC (AP)



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World

Unstable Debris Halts Rink Search

German police believe 4 people still trapped in ruins of collapse

BAD REICHENHALL, GERMANY | Hopes faded Tuesday in the search for possible survivors buried beneath a fallen skating rink roof in southeastern Germany, as fears of further collapse forced rescuers to back off until special cranes clear massive crossbeams from the rubble.

With two loud cracks, the roof caved in Monday following heavy snowfall with about 50 people inside, including many children on Christmas break from school. At least 11 people were killed, including six children.

Police said an additional four people - a 40-year-old woman and three children aged 12-16 — were still trapped at the site in the Alpine spa town of Bad Reichenhall.

Officials said they had not given up hope, but the delay would mean a second straight night in freezing temperatures for anyone still left

Several hundred people gathered for a candlelight vigil at the



Rescuers in Bad Reichenhall had to stop their work on the deadly collapse.

town hall, and church bells pealed for 20 minutes.

"As soon as it is possible, we will continue to work with dogs and helpers," local fire official Rudi Zeif said.

Searchers using dogs were "80 percent sure" of the location of one missing person, he said. Asked if they could still be alive, he said earthquake victims had survived for several days. Stephen Graham (AP)

French Government to Lift 'Emergency' Status

PARIS | The French government said it will lift the country's state of emergency at midnight Tuesday now that calm has returned following weeks of rioting and arson attacks in the autumn.

The move, ordered by President Jacques Chirac and approved on Tuesday by the Cabinet, lifts the emergency measures more than six weeks before they were originally set to expire. The measures were first enacted Nov. 8.

"Considering the situation of these past several weeks, I decided to end it," Chirac said Tuesday in New Year's greetings to the Cabinet. He said the emergency measures had been precautionary and "strictly temporary."

During the unrest that broke out in late October, youths set fire to some 9,000 vehicles around



Chirac

trouble was concentrated in poor suburbs where many immigrants live with their Frenchborn children.

the country. The

The state of emergency allowed the use of curfews, night-and-day police searches inside homes and other exceptional measures, (AP)

World



Palestinian candidate Hanan Ashrawi, center, scuffles with Israeli authorities as she tries to campaign in front of Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City Tuesday.

Palestinians Kick Off Campaigns

Legislative hopefuls start pitching despite chance of a vote delay

JERUSALEM | Palestinian candidates held a parade led by an actor in a Mickey Mouse costume, sang about the return of Islam and plastered the streets of the West Bank and Gaza with political posters as they kicked off their election campaign Tuesday.

Leaders of the Islamic militant Hamas group insisted the parliamentary vote must take place Jan. 25 despite an Israeli ban on voting in Jerusalem, shooting down Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' suggestion that it be delayed.

Abbas, whose Fatah Party is roiled by infighting, accusations of corruption and fears of an electoral drubbing, said Monday the vote could be delayed if Israel carries out its threat to bar Palestinians from voting in east Jerusalem, which Palestinians seek as the capital of a future state.

This election will mark the first time that Hamas — which calls for Israel's destruction and is responsible for dozens of deadly suicide bombings — will field candidates. Israel has called for the Islamic group to be disqualified.

The controversy over Jerusalem erupted the moment the campaign started Tuesday, when Israeli police scuffled with Palestinian candidates seeking votes in the plaza outside the Damascus Gate leading into Jerusalem's walled Old City.

In other developments, Jewish settlers in the West Bank city of Hebron set fire to a Palestinian house, and threw eggs and chemicals at Israeli soldiers who distributed eviction notices to eight Israeli squatter families who had taken over a Palestinian market area. RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

Peru Seeking Fujimori's Extradition

SANTIAGO, CHILE | Peru formally asked Chile on Tuesday to extradite former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori on human rights and corruption charges.

Peru's ambassador to Chile and a Peruvian special prosecutor delivered to Chile 12 sealed boxes of documents detailing allegations that include 25 death-squad killings in the 1990s, diversion of state funds and bribery of politicians.

Fujimori has been under arrest in Chile since his surprise arrival two months ago from Japan, where he had been living in exile. (AP)

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Money

Newest Gadgets To Debut at Show

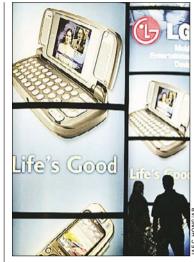
Makers of hi-tech gizmos hope to spark buzz at Vegas showcase

LAS VEGAS | Flat-panel televisions with built-in digital video recorders. Pocketable satellite radio receivers that can bookmark songs for online purchase. High-definition TVs engineered to play video or display photos from any computer on your home network.

The new offerings from LG Electronics Inc., XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co. are just a tiny sampling of the gadgetry at this year's International Consumer Electronics Show, an annual showcase of technologies set to soon hit the market.

Spread out over a display area the size of 28 football fields, a dizzying array of new products from small startups, dot-com boom retreads and such longtime players as Sony Corp., Toshiba Corp. and Ltd.'s Panasonic will be unveiled when the doors open Thursday.

Cameras, MP3 players, DVD recorders, plasma screens and accessories for all the above — you name it and chances are it will be



The annual electronics show will open its doors on Thursday in Las Vegas.

on display at the Sin City convention center.

Portable multimedia players are also enjoying a renewed buzz this year, assured the attention by Apple Computer Inc.'s debut of a videoplaying iPod and recent deals that have made TV shows available for sale on the Internet. MAY WONG (AP)

Gadget frenzy: For the latest and greatest from the electronics show check washingtonpost.com/technology

NASDAQ Stock Market

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Fed Minutes Indicate End Of Rate Hikes May Be Near

Federal Reserve policymakers differed last month on how much higher interest rates would need to rise to keep the economy and inflation on an even keel, but most believed the end of the nearly two-year ratehike campaign probably wasn't far off. Minutes of the Fed's closeddoor meeting on Dec. 13, released Tuesday, provided insight into the most extensive changes to date in the wording of the central bank's policy statement, which economists parse for clues about the possible course of future rate moves. (AP)

NEW YORK

Viacom, CBS Start New Year as Separate Companies

Viacom Inc. and CBS Corp. rang in 2006 as two separate companies, completing a breakup of a major media conglomerate in hopes of winning back friends on Wall Street. The breakup was officially completed over the weekend, and shares of the two companies began trading separately Tuesday. Other large media conglomerates such as Time Warner Inc., The Walt Disney Co. and News Corp. have given no signals that they plan similar steps to reorganize their companies. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers				Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change
EnglCp	38.00	+7.85	+26.0	SFBC Intl	18.89	+2.88	+18.0
CapsteadM	7.05	+1.24	+21.3	Glbl ePnt	3.77	+.57	+17.8
Xanser	3.55	+.61	+20.7	T-3Engy	11.42	+1.71	+17.7
LLE Ry	3.09	+.35	+12.8	ChemGnx n	7.29	+.94	+14.8
Gateway	2.81	+.30	+12.0	TechRsh	4.87	+.62	+14.6
Losers				Losers			
PilgrimsPr	25.36	-7.80	-23.5	TOR Min	2.34	-1.61	-40.8
Natl RV h	6.21	48	-7.2	lbisTech	2.75	75	-21.4
HancFab	3.81	26	-6.4	TriplCrw n	9.95	-2.30	-18.8
CopaHold n	25.97	-1.33	-4.9	Manntch	11.45	-2.36	-17.1
GlobPwr	4.32	20	-4.4	INTAC	4.96	78	-13.6

Rates Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25	British Pound	.5730	.5813	.5250
Fed Funds close	4.3125	4.25	Canadian Dollar	1.1555	1.1629	1.2071
3-month	4.03	3.88	European Euro	.8317	.8450	.7417
2-year	4.33	4.35	Japanese Yen	116.03	117.92	102.68
10-year	4.37	4.34	Mexican Peso	10.6160	10.6070	11.2325
30-year	4.55	4.51	Taiwanese Dollar	32.63	32.80	31.78

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+129.91	+38.42	+20.51
+1.21	+1.74	+1.64
10847.41	2243.74	1268.80

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Disney	24.40	+.43	+1.8
EchoStar	28.12	+.94	+3.5
Gannett	62.03	+1.46	+2.4
LibtyMA	7.81	06	8
McGrwH s	51.78	+.15	+.3
NewsCpA	15.39	16	-1.0
NewsCpB	16.44	17	-1.0
Omnicom	86.11	+.98	+1.2
Thomson	34.63	+.03	+.1
TimeWarn	17.65	+.21	+1.2
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YEAR TO DATE

GOOD INAUGURAL VIBRATIONS: The Beach Boys, playing with an array of Virginia musicians, will headline a free concert at the College of William and Mary the night before Virginia Gov.-elect Tim Kaine's Jan. 14 inauguration in Williamsburg.

Local

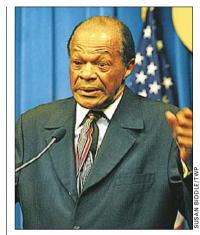
Youths Rob Ex-Mayor at Gunpoint

Barry says life flashed before his eyes during holdup at S.E. home

WASHINGTON | D.C. Council member and former mayor Marion Barry on Tuesday urged two young men who robbed him at gunpoint Monday night to turn themselves in to police, promising that he would urge authorities not to prosecute them.

"I have no animosities," Barry, D-Ward 8, declared.

Barry, 69, was held up in his kitchen about 9:30 p.m. Monday by two assailants who minutes earlier



Ward 8 Council member Marion Barry tells reporters about the armed robbery.

had helped him carry groceries from his car to his third-floor apartment in Southeast Washington. They stole his wallet, which contained more than \$200, police said.

Barry said the crime "kind of hurt" because he is well respected by so many people in the city.

"There is a sort of an unwritten code in Washington, among the underworld and the hustlers and these other guys that I am their friend," Barry said. "It was a horrific experience to face a gun. ... I could see my life flash before me at that moment." DEL QUENTIN WILBER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

GRANDSON OF FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER KILLED

Police have surveillance video of the New Year's Eve shooting:

John Allen Jr., the teenaged grandson of former Ward 8
Council member Sandy Allen, was shot in what is believed to be 2005's last homicide in the District. The Metropolitan Police Department said the suspect can be seen in surveillance videoclimbing into a purple van, then later firing 17 shots. The 15-year-old victim was hit in the stomach. (AP)

MLB to Force District Into Arbitration Talks



→ With the
Dec. 31 stadium
lease deadline
passed, Major
League Baseball
President Robert
DuPuy says the
league plans to
press D.C. for a

The Washington Post

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Jan. 3

DISTRICT

 Mid-day Lucky Numbers
 6-6-8

 Evening Lucky Numbers
 3-6-8

 Mid-day DC 4
 2-4-7-5

 Evening DC 4
 6-8-4-4

 Rolling Cash Five
 27-02-07-29-15

 Daily 6
 16-15-21-30-25-09 Bonus: 07

MARYLAND

 Mid-day Pick 3
 I-3-0

 Evening Pick 3
 9-8-1

 Mid-day Pick 4
 8-5-5-7

 Evening Pick 4
 7-6-9-7

 Match 5
 02-03-04-05-30
 Bonus: 14

VIRGINIA

 Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)
 2-3-8

 Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)
 9-1-1

 Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)
 2-7-7-0

 Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)
 5-8-3-5

 Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)
 03-05-07-11-23

 Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)
 10-18-20-23-24

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Metro Seeking a Fresh Voice for Closing Doors

Transit agency hopes riders pay attention to new announcements

WASHINGTON | It may not be the same as anchoring a newscast, though it's more prestigious than, "Attention, Kmart shoppers!" Either way, it could be the big break for someone dreaming of being heard by millions.

Metro on Tuesday launched its "Door Closing Voice 2006" contest. The transit agency is looking for a new sound to bring to its trains, replacing the familiar — and often ignored — lady who reminds

riders to "please stand clear of the doors, thank you."

"We really think that having a fresh voice will cause people to notice," said Metro spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein.

Contestants have to read two scripts, which Metro has placed on its Web site. Each must be read three times: once in an authoritative voice, again in a polite tone, then in a serious voice.

The deadline for the contest is Jan. 20. MICHAEL W. KAHN (AP)

Do you have a stellar voice?
Information on the Metro voice talent search can be found at wmata.com.

HEARSAY | NOT MOVING TO D.C, YET



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TO START WORK AS D.C.'S TOP JAIL OFFICIAL ON TUESDAY.

Dulles Preps for End of Independence

WASHINGTON | One day after announcing plans to stop flying, Independence Air officials vowed Tuesday that employees would keep working until the last flights on Thursday land and passengers claim their baggage.

Analysts say the discount carri-

er's demise may cause airline ticket prices to increase in the area.

The carrier served 37 markets from its hub at Dulles International Airport. The airport's authority is hoping other carriers will bid on the 35 gate and 18 ticket counter positions that will become vacant. (AP)

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Sports



O'S LOSE OUT: Outfielder Jeromy Burnitz was attempting to finalize terms Tuesday on a one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates, less than a week after it appeared he had a two-year deal with the Baltimore Orioles. The Pirates deal is expected to be worth at least \$6 million.

Redskins Move to Lock Up Williams

Defensive coach signs deal that makes him Gibbs' heir apparent

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins assistant Gregg Williams signed a three-year contract Tuesday to remain with the team, a move that solidifies his status as the heir apparent to coach Joe Gibbs.

Williams had been considered a top prospect for several vacant NFL head coaching positions, but his family is happily settled in the Washington area, and owner Dan Snyder has the deep pockets to assure that Williams will remain one of the highest paid assistants in the league.

Various reports place Williams' deal worth nearly \$8 million.

"It's not about the chase of being a head coach," Williams said in an interview on the team's Web site. "That's not the most important thing. I really like what I'm doing, and I really like where I'm at, and I really, really like who it's with."

Williams, the former coach of the Buffalo Bills, has produced a top 10 defense in each of his two years with the Redskins. This year's unit ranked ninth and helped the



BIG DEAL: Gregg Williams got an \$8 million contract over three years to not look for a head coaching position in the offseason.

team secure its first playoff berth in six years.

"Gregg is a valuable and important member of our organization," Gibbs said. "This is a first step in recognizing his contributions and maintaining consistency among our coaches." Williams was one of Gibbs' first recruits when the Hall of Fame coach came out of retirement in January 2004. Williams signed a three-year deal with the title of "assistant head coach-defense" and has been seen as a natural successor when Gibbs retires again.

He reiterated Tuesday that he still wants to be a head coach, but it won't happen next season.

"I'm a Redskin and that's what I agreed to do," he said.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Caps Face a Tough Test vs. Senators

CAPITALS | The accolades are starting to roll in for the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin. Riding a six-game goalscoring streak (the team's longest since 1998), the left wing has been named NHL offensive player of the week and rookie of the month. He has continued to dazzle as the Caps (13-21-3) have continued to struggle — they have just one non-shootout victory in the past eight games.

"Ovy" has 24 goals, 22 assists and is the only NHL player with more than twice as many points (46) as his team's second leading scorer. Barring goaltender Olie Kolzig's nightly acrobatics, Ovechkin usually is the Caps' only real drawing card.

That will change tonight, as the Caps host a fast-skating, high-scoring team that embodies the new, wide-open NHL. The must-see



Ovechkin was the rookie of the month.

Ottawa Senators (27-7-3) seem to send players of Ovechkin's caliber over the boards one after another.

ver the boards one after another. Led by Dany Heatley (26g, 29a), Ottawa has the league's best record, offense and defense.

The Caps will get a bit of a break as Senators captain Daniel Alfreddson (25g, 30a) is set to miss the game with a cracked rib and center Jason Spezza may be out with a pulled chest muscle. But Heatley has been spectacular, rebuilding his career after suffering serious injuries in a 2003 car accident that killed an Atlanta Thrashers teammate. Heatley needed a new start and requested a trade last summer.

"We were physical, moving our feet, lots of fun and full of energy," Caps coach Glen Hanlon said after his team rediscovered its work ethic in Saturday's win over Philadelphia. They'll need more of the same, and some help for Ovechkin, to stay with the Senators tonight. BRIAN STRAUS

Terps' Tight End Davis Declares For NFL Draft

TERPS FOOTBALL | Maryland tight end Vernon Davis will skip his senior season and enter the NFL draft, the school announced Tuesday.

Davis led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 51 catches in 2005 and scored six touchdowns. He is the third Maryland football player in the last three years to leave early for the draft, joining defensive tackle Randy Starks and linebacker Shawne Merriman.

Davis participated in the evaluation service offered to underclass players by the NFL, in which personnel directors and scouts make an assessment of his potential draft status. The committee said Davis figures to be a first-round selection. (AP)



Williams: An \$8M Bargain

SAY WHAT YOU WANT about Daniel Snyder, but he knows a good thing when he sees it. And when you're as rich as Snyder is, you don't let it get away without a fight.

So the Redskins owner did the franchise a huge favor Tuesday by paying defensive guru Gregg Williams not to seek a head coaching job this offseason, even though he was a prime candidate for at least two of the now eight openings.

Williams was already making \$1.2 million — more than some head coaches — and his new deal is worth \$8 million for three years. That's unheard of for an assistant, but it's a bargain in Williams' case.

Losing Williams would have been a big blow.

He has built a defensive juggernaut in Washington in just two seasons. Williams' players run their schemes properly, tackle effectively and force turnovers. If they don't, they don't play.

It took Joe Gibbs' offense a year to catch up to Williams' defense, which is why the Redskins missed the playoffs last year.

Now, though, both units are playing as well as they have all season. Believe me, no team wants to play the red-hot Redskins right now with their strong running attack, a top-flight receiver in Santana Moss and that defense.

Washington may not make the Super Bowl, but it's capable of beating every team in the NFC.

The Redskins have a good thing going, and losing Williams would have been a huge blow.

Luckily, it looks like money sometimes can buy you love.

Matt Swenson is the sports editor of Express. E-mail matt.swenson@readexpress.com

SONIC BOOM: Bob Weiss was fired as coach of the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday, with his team struggling at 13-17 after having won its division last year. Weiss, in his first year coaching the Sonics, was replaced by assistant Bob Hill.

Sports





 $\textbf{TITLE FIGHT}: Texas \ quarterback \ Vince \ Young, left, lost the \ Heisman \ vote \ to \ USC's \ Reggie \ Bush, right, but \ can \ win \ the \ national \ title \ during \ the \ Rose \ Bowl \ on \ Wednesday.$

One Game for All the Roses

After months of hype, USC, Texas play for title

college football | Anticipated all season, set up with matching blowouts and relentlessly hyped for the last month, the Rose Bowl everyone's been waiting for is finally here.

No. 1 USC against No. 2 Texas, with their perfect records, potent offenses, glittery stars, rich tradition and eye-popping pageantry — playing for the national championship in Pasadena on Wednesday night.

The game of the year! The

game of the century! The game of all time!

Or just another day at work for two-time defending champ Southern California?

"This is what we have really prepared to do and hopefully built ourselves toward this," USC coach Pete Carroll said Tuesday. "You can't get a big enough game for us."

Heisman Trophy winners Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush have led the Trojans to 34 straight victories. Against Texas, they'll become the first Heisman duo to play together in a college game as USC goes for a record third consecutive national title.

The Longhorns also are 12-0, and they've won 19 in a row. Heisman runner-up Vince Young is the dynamic dual-threat who leads an offense that has more than matched USC touchdown for touchdown.

Texas puts up 51 points per game, USC 50. The Trojans are favored by a TD.

"We don't have to be the best team of all time, just tomorrow night," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

It's already the best game Bowl Championship Series officials could have imagined in their eight-year history. No doubts about who belongs this season.

Plus, the weather will apparently cooperate. After storms soaked the area earlier this week, clear skies are in the forecast.

Everything, it seems, is set.

"These two teams have been talked about every day for a month," Brown said. "Good teams enjoy the hype." RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

In Brief

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Clarett Out on \$50K Bond

Former Ohio State football star Maurice Clarett appeared in court in handcuffs and jail-issue clothing Tuesday when a judge set bond at \$50,000 on charges that he robbed two people with a gun in an alley behind a bar. Clarett, who helped the Buckeyes win the national championship in 2002, did not enter a plea and did not speak in court. His next hearing is Jan. 12. He was released from Franklin County jail after posting bond that had been set. (AP)



Maurice Clarett did not speak in his brief court appearance on Tuesday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Virginia Tech: Vick's Stomp At Bowl Was 'Unacceptable'

Virginia Tech athletic director Jim Weaver said Tuesday that his administration was embarrassed by Marcus Vick's unsportsmanlike conduct in the Gator Bowl on Monday and that the incident will be reviewed and dealt with. Vick, the Hokies junior quarterback, stomped on the left calf of NCAA sacks leader Elvis Dumervil of Louisville when Dumervil lay prone on the ground after tackling Vick in the second quarter of the game. In his statement, Weaver said Vick's behavior was "unacceptable" and "not reflective of Virginia Tech football nor of the values we hold at Virginia Tech." (AP)

Raiders Ax Turner After 2 Seasons

NFL | The Oakland Raiders fired coach Norv Turner on Tuesday following consecutive losing seasons in which the team managed only one victory in its division.

The 53-year-old Turner, who had a year remaining on his contract worth about \$1.75 million, had known his job was in jeopardy for the last two months after struggling to get the most out of star receiver Randy Moss and an offense that also included quarterback Kerry Collins, receiver Jerry Porter and running back LaMont Jordan.

Oakland lost its final six games and eight of nine to finish 4-12 and



Norv Turner's Raiders finished 4-12 this year despite adding Randy Moss.

with one fewer victory than Turner produced in his first season a year ago. The Raiders have strung together three straight losing seasons for the first time since Al Davis came aboard in 1963 to coach and eventually own the team. "I wanted to be here and appreciate the opportunity," Turner said in a statement. "I understand the nature of this business."

Turner's firing leaves eight coaching vacancies in the NFL.

Names that have surfaced as potential successors to Turner are former Rams coach Mike Martz, Baltimore offensive coordinator Jim Fassel, Ravens' quarterbacks coach Rick Neuheisel, former Raiders coach Art Shell, and Fresno State coach Pat Hill. Janie Mccauley (AP)

HEARSAY | ADAPTABLE

"We thought a new and improved Brian Billick was the best chance for the Baltimore Rayens."

-RAVENS OWNER STEVE BISCIOTTI,
SAYING COACH BRIAN BILLICK HAS BEEN
TOLD TO CHANGE HIS ATTITUDE NEXT YEAR

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8 P.M. ON ABC) The game every college football fan has been waiting for is here when No. 1 USC tries for a third straight national title when facing No. 2 Texas in the Rose Bowl.

NHL (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) History is not on the Capitals' side when they host the Ottawa Senators, who have won six of their last eight games in D.C. — including the last three at MCI Center.

Entertainment

SHOP AROUND: Forget Hollywood's decline; music retailers also suffered in 2005. The year saw the worst slump in three years for stores selling anticipated new releases by artists such as Madonna, Gretchen Wilson and Ashlee Simpson.

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Praying for Ratings

NBC has high hopes for a drama with its eye on the heavens

DEBUT | "I think it's a pretty downthe-middle, wholesome show," said Aidan Quinn, referring to his new NBC series, "Book of Daniel."

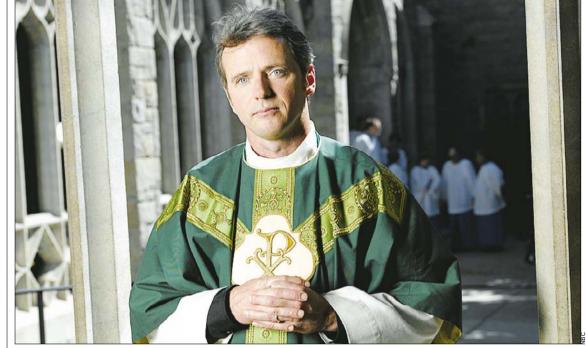
"I honestly don't think it's going to be nearly as controversial as some people may now be afraid of. It just has the courage to deal with some of the real issues that go in on people's lives."

Like, for instance?

"Well," explained the actor, "I'm an Episcopalian priest who struggles with a little self-medication problem, and I have a 23-year-old son who's gay and a 16-year-old daughter who's caught dealing pot, and another son who's jumping on every high school girl he sees, and a wife who's very loving but also likes her martinis.

"I can't tell you how many people have said to me, 'Hey, that sounds like my family."

Don't forget the Rev. Daniel Webster's recent cruel loss of another son to leukemia. Or the kooky extended family that. among other things, is about to put Daniel's priesthood (and parish) in jeopardy by forcing him into business with the Mob.



HEAVEN HELP US: Literary-minded viewers will appreciate the joke in the lead character's name, the Rev. Daniel Webster.

Or the fact that he has regular conversations with Jesus Christ.

Is this like your family? Viewers can find out with on Jan. 6, when "Book of Daniel" premieres with back-to-back airings.

"[Daniel] is caught up in the modern malady of extreme busyness and stress," Quinn said. "But he can have moments of real lucidity and humor, and he cherishes his moments of quiet in the church, and in prayer."

Communing with his inner self takes the form of those tete-a-tetes with Jesus (Garret Dillahunt of "Deadwood") — a loving, good-humored comrade whose robes-and-beard style stands apart in the starchy, posh suburb just outside New York City where "Book of Daniel" is set.

You might say "Book of Daniel" is the gospel according to show cre-

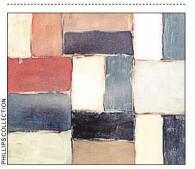
ator Jack Kenny.

A gay man raised in the Catholic Church, Kenny says he drew on the WASP-y, emotionally guarded family of his life partner, Michael, who, he said, "came from a world that is all about what is NOT said."

Kenny insists his show isn't about religion: "This is about a family. The fact that Daniel is a priest is secondary. The church is the backdrop." FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



FOR COMPLETE EVENT LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT



Scully's 2002 work, "Mooseurach," evokes light on earth and surfaces.

Sean Scully: Light Years

Closures abound this weekend. Catch "Sean Scully: Wall of Light" at the Phillips; the painter's drenched color palette — sandy, shadowy, setting-sun shades — was inspired by the natural world.

Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; through Jan. 8; 202-387-2151. (Dupont Circle)

Traylor Park Romeos: Lock Up Your Trashy Women

A great night of local rock prepares to strip the paint off the walls tonight as the three low-life locals who make up Traylor Park Romeos drag a Telecaster, some rockabilly rhythms and pounding drums to the Black Cat.

Black Cat backstage, 1811 14th St. NW; with Gulley Jimson Quartet, Demivolt, 9 p.m., \$5; 202-667-7960. (USt.-Cardozo)

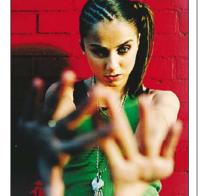
'Comedy of Errors': Make No Mistake

Douglas C. Wagerhas upped the zany quotient in Shakespeare's most frenetic comedy. "The Comedy of Errors" takes a final bow on Sunday, so follow, if you can, this farce of two sets of twins on the loose in ancient Ephesus.

Shakespeare Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; through Jan. 8, \$26-\$58; 202-547-1122. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

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Emcee Lady Sovereign doesn't let her small size keep her from talking big.

But Enough About Me

U.K. hip-hop star Lady Sovereign extols the Her Generation

MUSIC | Forget world domination — those suffering from Napoleon complexes ought to try hip-hop.

Lady Sovereign's brash, self-hyping rhymes have already made her a star in England, and the United Kingdom MC was recently signed to Def Jam Records by Jay-Z. "Vertically Challenged" (Chocolate Industries), an extended play of singles and remixes by the diminutive singer, raises the question: Was Jay's faith justified? From an attitude standpoint, it seems so.

Sovereign is all brags and boasts, and on "Random" she's a modern Johnny Rotten, calling out for her own brand of anarchy in the U.K.

Musically, though, Sovereign is better suited for clubs than pop radio. Her beats and backing tracks tackle the brain like European crunk, blipping and throbbing

repetitively without much soul or structure.

The result is a CD that never gets within striking distance of subtlety, as Sovereign sticks to verbal wind sprints that would make other rappers gasp for air.

"I'm the best thing since sliced bread/no, Eminem/feminine?/ Nah ... Lady Sovereign," she raps, proving that — in her mind, at least — she's already a giant in the game. KENNETH PARTRIDGE (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

THE CAMERA'S CALL: Former child actor Fred Savage was this close to giving up acting for the director's chair when "Crumbs" came along. The ABC sitcom about a dysfunctional family premieres next week; Savage plays gay prodigal son Mitch.



Entertainment

Faces of Ralph

Versatile British actor Ralph Fiennes is having a busy year

PAYING THE RENT | Ralph Fiennes can slip into almost any role. Trained at London's prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, Fiennes nevertheless became a Hollywood leading man.

The past year has been a particularly productive one for this chameleonlike actor. Fiennes starred in five films in addition to lending his voice to the character of Lord Victor Quartermaine in "Wallace & Gromit."

"It's been a bit mad, and I don't quite know who I am now," he said. "But there were a number of projects that I wanted to do."

"The White Countess," opening Jan. 20, the latest collaboration from acclaimed British filmmaking team Ismail Merchant and James Ivory, was one of them. ("The White Countess" turns out to be the last offering from Merchant, who died earlier this year.)

Fiennes plays Todd Jackson, a former American diplomat living in pre-World War II Shanghai. Blind



 $\textbf{LAST DANCE} : Fiennes \ with \ Natasha \ Richardson \ in \ "The \ White \ Countess."$

and haunted by a past tragedy, he is drawn to the city's seedy night-club district, where he befriends a young woman, an exiled Russian countess named Sofia (Natasha Richardson), who has been reduced to working as a bar girl to support her family.

Meanwhile, the political climate in Shanghai is changing and though Jackson welcomes all ideological factions into his bar, he cannot escape the violent confrontation that is about to erupt outside.

Fiennes also has been earning kudos for his portrayal of a career diplomat who goes on the hunt for his wife's killer in the suspense-thriller "The Constant Gardener."

In addition to those dramas, he starred in the recent blockbuster "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," playing evil Lord Voldemort.

After a busy year, Fiennes shows no sign of slowing down. He recently started production on "Doris & Bernard," a dramatization of the relationship between the late tobacco heiress Doris Duke (Susan Sarandon) and her butler, Bernard Lafferty, who became her sole heir.

"It was a big scandal at the time," he says. "Did he manipulate her into leaving him her estate? It's really a look at what that relationship might have been like." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



Visitors in the Louvre's Apollo gallery.

'Da Vinci Code' Fans Fill Louvre

ART APPRECIATION | The Louvre Museum in Paris had a record number of visitors in 2005, with soirees for young people, crowdpleasing exhibitions and promotion from "The Da Vinci Code," a top administrator said Tuesday. About 7.3 million people visited the art museum in 2005, general administrator Didier Selles said. The museum expects more dramatic results starting this spring, when Oscar-winning director Ron Howard's movie based on the novel debuts. "There is perhaps a 'Da Vinci Code' effect, but in my opinion it will be truly stronger when the film comes out," Selles said. CECILE BRISSON (AP)





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PRICE LEAP YEAR: Nissan announced last week that it is increasing the prices of its 2006 Nissan and Infiniti models. It's not too bad, though: The average price of all models increased only about .5 percent. The biggest jump, cash-wise, was \$250.

Vette Men of America, Unite!

The new Z06 proves useful for both Marxists, capitalists

VALUE | The new Corvette Z06 is an economics seminar on wheels. Begin with the idea of marginal utility. How much more useful is this ballista compared with the standard model? Is it worth the extra \$20,000? That depends on your fondness for stainless-steel plumbing and orange jumpsuits.

But the notion of utility is not the same as use-value. As Adam Smith noted, utility includes emotional rewards, and these the Z06 provides in heart-squeezing, tearsof-joy abundance.

Here is the Vette perfected, the hyper-amplified soul of the ultimate American sports car. Here are the honking rear tires and sick fender flares the stock car cries out for. Here are the outrageous front-brake discs with red mono-block calipers the call-brand Corvette now seems denuded without. Here are the gre-



Historical economists and philosophers would agree: The Corvette fits nicely into their models and theories. But you'll still need \$65,800 of your own economy for it.

2006 CHEVROLET CORVETTE ZO6

→ POWERTRAIN: 7.0-liter, 16valve pushrod V-8; six-speed manual transmission: rearwheel drive

→ WHEELBASE: 105.7 inches

- → LENGTH: 175.6 inches
- → WEIGHT: 3,147 pounds
- → HORSEPOWER: 505 horsepower at 6,300 rpm
- → PRICE: \$65,800
- → 0-60: 3.4 seconds

nade launchers — er, exhaust pipes that Corvette owners would otherwise order out of a Borla catalog.

In the peculiar, secret-handshake world of Corvette enthusiasts. if you own a Z06 you are a made man — excepting the highly unlikely event that you are a woman.

And yet one of the things that makes the Z06 such a rich and perplexing experience is that it is, actually, a pretty useful car, in the Marxist use-value sense of the word.

For example, the Corvette Z06's hatchback space can hold four sets of golf clubs (never mind that the car can carry only two people).

And speaking of Karl Marx: If you subscribe to the labor theory of value, the hand-built Z06 is one of the most undervalued products on the planet. For starters, its engine is assembled by a single technician (perhaps he wears overalls with the word "Labor" on the back).

The engine comes with all manner of race-derived sinew, including: titanium connecting rods and intake valves, sodium-filled exhaust valves, cast aluminum piston heads, CNC-ported aluminum heads and a dry-sump oiling system. This and much, much more, as they say on the Home Shopping Network, makes the engine one of the best.

Lastly, let's look at market equilibriums. The Z06 is substantially lighter than its super-car competitors; weight is the most expensive to optimize, and yet the Z06 is cheaper than the least expensive of its competition. DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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Automotive expert PAT GOSS owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats monthly on washingtonpost.com/cars.

My car has approximately 163,000 miles on it, and, to my knowledge, never has had any systems flushed. Is there any risk of now having such services done?

The only service to be concerned about is the transmission flush, and that depends on the condition of the fluid in the transmission, not the miles. If the fluid looks good and smells good, a flush would be OK. If the fluid is discolored and smells bad, leave it alone. All other flushes would be fine.

Would switching to a synthetic oil increase my car's longevity? And, if I use a synthetic blend, can I extend my oil change interval from 3,000 miles to, say, 5,000?

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Television

ON TV TONIGHT

BUT MOM!

In the new eight-part series **TRY MY LIFE** (9 p.m., Style), teens and their parents are asked to walk a mile in each other's shoes for an entire week.

FLUSH FAT FAST

THE BIGGEST LOSER: SPECIAL EDITION

(8 p.m., NBC) While the first two installments took a whole season for players to shed their fat, this year each weekly "Special Edition" will showcase new competitors who, like Ebenezer Scrooge, will get through their penitential ordeal all in one night.

BRITS AND BRATS

LITTLE ANGELS (9 p.m., BBC America) features Dr. Tanya Byron, a clinical psychologist who observes dysfunctional family dynamics and helps parents take con-



WE ALL SCREAM: "Biggest Loser" host Caroline Rhea and tempted dieters.

trol of their children.

CHILT CHOICE

EPICENTER (7 p.m., Sci Fi) combines assassins, political conspiracies and a devastating earthquake. The 2000 thriller stars Gary Daniels and Traci Lords. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

A Grain of Assault

Two cable shows draw a bead on police tactical units

READY, AIM, FIRE | "Texas SWAT" (8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Court TV) follows special police tactical units from the Lone Star state as they use heavy armor, serious weaponry and assault vehicles to defuse bombs or negotiate their way through tense hostage situations.

That's not to be confused with "Dallas SWAT" (10 p.m., Thursday, A&E), a new hour-long drama kicking off tomorrow night. In the first hour of "Dallas" the officers take



STRAIGHT SHOOTERS: SWATters hone their skills on the firing range.

on a deranged killer holed up alone in a shabby house and drug dealers aided by hundreds of sympathetic neighbors.

SWAT (Special Units and Tactics) teams and television go back at least a generation. The advent of lightweight video cameras allowed local news crews to capture the shootout live and broadcast it to a national audience.

Over on A&E, meanwhile, "Dallas SWAT" focuses on the family and domestic lives of the off-duty heroes. One divorced officer juggles busting bad guys and taking his little daughter to swimming lessons. He also finds time to court a fellow single parent and even takes her to the Fort Worth Ballet. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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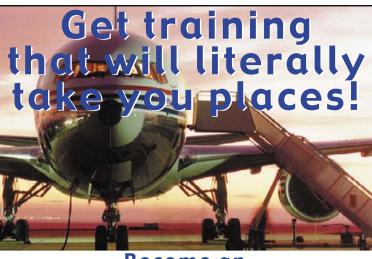


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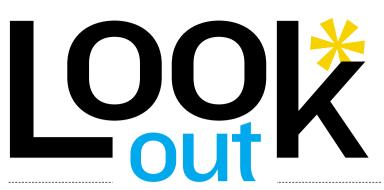
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On Campus

Smaller, intellectually challenging courses help initiate freshmen

For first-year students, they are kicking around some heady questions: Is there such a thing as absolute mathematical truth? Can a perfect circle exist? What if two plus two didn't equal four?

The Connecticut College freshman seminar, like those at other schools, focuses on an interdisciplinary topic — in this case it's "infinity," with readings from mathematicians, philosophers and poets.

Unlike most of the larger, more anonymous lectures where freshmen year is often spent, this class has only about a dozen students. There's constant discussion, teacher feedback and a major writing project.

Such courses have been around for at least a half-century, but their popularity is surging. The number of colleges offering freshman seminars

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nearly doubled between 2000 and 2003 to about 25 percent, according to surveys of about 620 two- and four-year colleges by a University of South Carolina research center. Connecticut College launched its program this year, and other schools are expanding theirs.

Often, these popular courses are off the beaten academic path.

Offerings at Connecticut College include a course on sports statistics and another on mysticism that looks at Kabbalah. Indiana University has "The Sur(Real) World of Reality TV." Stanford offers an introductory seminar called "Comics: A Lively Art."

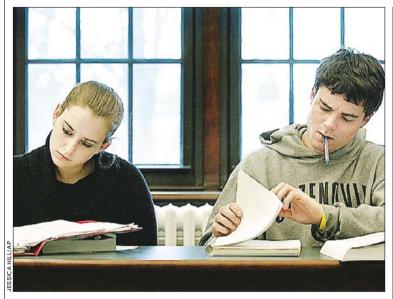
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INFINITY AND BEYOND: The Connecticut College course draws from philosophy.

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ing is valuable, getting students excited intellectually and helping them develop relationships with top professors — the kind of engagement that research shows keeps students on track to graduate.

"A really small class with discussion - that's how I learn best," said Kate Enman, a Connecticut College student in the infinity seminar. "This is by far my most intimate class."

Experts say the quest to lure bright undergraduates partly explains why these programs are expanding; at competitive liberal arts schools like this one, freshman seminars are now so common that not having one might be conspicuous to prospective students.

Larger state universities also are expanding freshman seminars to stay attractive to those students. Ohio State instituted freshman seminars in 2003 and is offering 54 this year. About 600 students will take one this year, though that's only about 10 percent of the OSU class.

Others don't think the seminars are a good idea. Stanley Katz of Princeton wonders if it's the best use of faculty. "What we're doing is investing very expensive faculty time teaching both small groups of students and teaching students in their first year of college," he said. JUSTIN POPE (AP)

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Roaming

Researchers pursue pachyderms with DNA, GPS technology

Lewis had gourmet taste: Whenever the dry season browned grass in his Kenyan sanctuary, he'd abandon the other elephants and race 25 miles to the mountains — to raid farmers' corn fields under cover of night.

A hair plucked from his tail, and GPS technology, tell the story.

It's a new way to track elephants' dietary needs and roaming habits, one that scientists hope ultimately could help the endangered species survive by providing information key to minimizing conflicts between pachyderms and people.

Indeed, Lewis' roaming cost



 $The \, technology \, has \, led \, scientists \, to \, believe \, elephants \, know \, where \, they \, are \, safe.$

him his life. Soon after the research ended, he was shot to death, likely by a farmer tired of the crop-raiding.

"Part of the problem with the elephant is we need to know how much space they really need," explained geochemist Thure Cerling of the University of Utah, who led the research, reported Monday in the online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. "Why do they need a particular space? Could we manage the parks to make them work better for them?"

Shrinking living space, as more people move into lands the elephants once freely foraged, and poaching for ivory threaten elephant populations worldwide. But populations vary widely by country. South Africa, Namibia and Botwswana, for

Could we manage the parks to make them work better for them?

THURE CERLING
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESEARCHER

example, have booming herds, while Kenya and other African countries are struggling to increase decimated elephant populations.

Because elephants are so large and eat so much, a key question for conservationists is how to designate officially protected areas suitable enough to their needs that they won't roam toward encroaching human settlements.

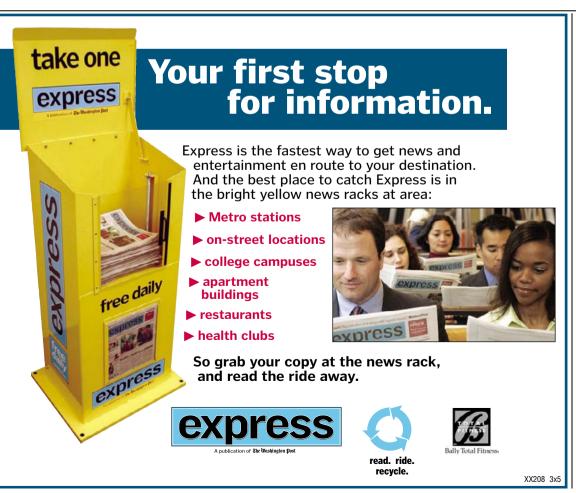
"Elephants need to find food and water, but also to avoid danger, seek safety and to make social contact with other elephants," said Iain Douglas-Hamilton of the Save the Elephants Foundation. "Understanding elephant motivation defines their needs, and understanding these can help secure a future for the species."

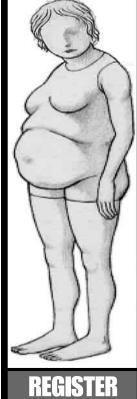
Enter the hair study.

Hair is "like a tape recorder," Cerling said, harboring for long periods traces of dietary chemicals.

He gathered hair from the tails of 35 elephants in Kenya's Samburu National Reserve to analyze for long-lasting forms, called "stable isotopes," of carbon and nitrogen that would appear when an elephant ate mostly grass, trees or some other plant. He matched that testing to Save the Elephants' tracking, using Global Positioning System technology, of elephant movements.

Tracking elephant movements suggests the intelligent mammals do know where their protected habitats end, but some still risk human contact to find higher quality food, said Douglas-Hamilton, an elephant researcher. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)





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boots (\$68, ZAPPOS.COM) stayed

dry as a bone in our slush test and

didn't slip on ice. And they looked

surprisingly sharp with a pantsuit,

but made our feet sweat indoors.

Supposedly, the rubber sole on DONALD J. PLINER'S LEOLA (\$324, ZAPPOS.COM) prevents slips, but we couldn't walk on ice and our feet went numb because of the thin sole. While the style is a hit, we'd wear them in a spring rain, not a





The **BEZEL** boots from TIMBERLAND (\$124, ZAPPOS.COM) were warm and had good traction, but the lace-up style didn't look good with skirts and pants — and they were hot indoors. There's an ankle version available.

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between styles that merge winter fashion and function. To determine

if these boots would keep our feet warm and not make us look like Nanook of the North, we tested five in-betweeners, BACHEL DODES (WALL STREET JOURNAL)

The JILIAN boots from LA CANADIENNE (\$200, SHOEMANIA.COM) kept us warm and dry in real snow and didn't slip on ice, thanks to the chunky heel. Also available in brown, the rounded toe and subtle stitching gives the boot a more modern look that easily goes from sporty to sophisticated. They were also completely waterproof, leading us to declare them the best all-around boot in our test.

LOOK Voices



Coping With A Fickle Cupid

One of my friends introduced herself to a guy at a club and she thought he and I would be a perfect match. She introduced us and we started dating. In the one month we've been seeingn each other, we've had several ups and downs but managed to get through them together. The problem is, my friend now believes that he's not a good match for me and constantly badmouths him. She keeps encouraging me to break up with him and now refuses to associate with me if he's around. I've asked her to give him a fair chance, but she savs she just doesn't like him. I feel I'm being forced to choose between my friends and the person I could end up with. How do I maintain both my friendship and my relationship?

- STUCK BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A MATE

Your "friend" owes you an explanation. Unless she discovered something over the past month that truly casts a new, negative light on your guy — he's a cheater, a felon, an Eagles fan, etc. — then it's not fair for her to change her tune so drastically about a guy she originally liked enough to play Cupid for. If she's just put off by your ups and downs, then she needs to do what friends since the Stone Age have done: Make her opinion known, but stand by and eventually offer support and Cherry Garcia if times get rocky. So if she continues to offer you no explanation except that she "just doesn't like him" and yet she quarantines you when he's around, then it's her

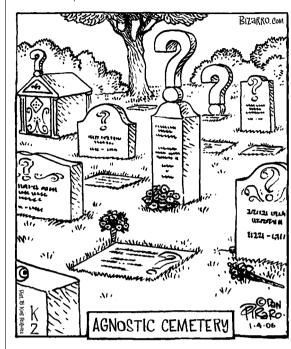
sacrificing the friendship, not you. Try to figure out what gives, because if all of your mutual friends follow suit, it may be time for you to take a look at your new guy — and your friends — more closely.

My boyfriend's mother has made comments that I disagree with ideologically and that I do not enjoy listening to. He continues to insist that we have dinner with her every week. I don't feel that I should have to spend time with someone whom I don't respect. Who's right? — ANNOYED

There's ideology, and then there's peace within your relationship. Though it's nice if those two concepts don't have to duke it out, the truth is, nearly all relationships involve some sort of compromise, and offensive and/or malodorous family members usually top the list as reasons why. Your beliefs are important, and indeed your boyfriend should not "insist" upon something you find so foul. But this is not an all-or-none situation. Mommie Dearest is an integral part of your boyfriend's life, whether or not she sees eye to eye with you on the Davis-Bacon Act. You and your boyfriend need hold a newfangled version of "Family Court" and work out an agreeable visitation schedule together — you opt out every three weeks, your boyfriend tells his mom to tone it down, you get to bring earplugs, etc. Consider it a labor of love.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

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Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"You need to get more exercise. Blink twice if you understand."

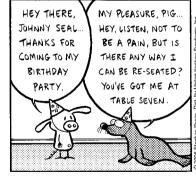
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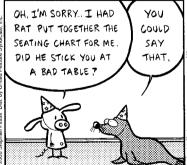






Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis







$oxed{\mid}$ The Duplex \mid Glenn McCoy

"I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE A POEM LOVELY AS A TREE."





Letters

What Panda Dads Do

IN RESPONSE TO Perry Berkley's Dec. 30 letter in which he asked, "By the way, why don't you ever speak about Tai Shan's dad?" I guess he

hasn't been paying much attention. There's not much to report on that subject since the dad is always sleeping, while the mother is diligently watching over and taking care of the baby. Sound familiar?

-DEEDEE DILLINGHAM
Rockville, Md.



RICH MAN, POOR MAN ...

Mayor, convict, drug user, councilman, ... criminal and now robbery victim. If he becomes homeless and is elected president ... I think he just might be able to cover all the bases."

CAPTAINGOODTIMES.BLOGSPOT.COM SAYS THAT HIZZONER MARION BARRY, WHO WAS ROBBED MONDAY NIGHT AT HIS SOUTHEAST D.C. HOME, HAS ONLY A FEW MORE ROLES LEFT BEFORE HIM.

THE Blog LOG

D.C.'S NEXT FUSION TREND?

"The pairing of Indian and Lithuanian anything might look like a study in oddity dreamed up by a masochistic anthropology professor ...'

GRIDSKIPPER.COM DISCOVERS A SOUTH ASIAN ENTREPRENEUR IN LITHUANIA TRY-ING TO FUSE INDIAN FOOD WITH BALTIC TRADITIONS. (DON'T LET ANY FUSION-HAPPY D.C. RESTAURATEURS KNOW.)

GWYNETH'S HAUNTINGS

"I think one sure sign of mental instability is taking religious advice from Madonna."

EGOTASTIC.COM RELAYS NEWS THAT GWYNETH PALTROW, WHO IS PREPAR-ING FOR AN EXORCISM OF HER HAUNTED HOUSE. CONSULTED THE MATERIAL GIRL



SOMETHING'S GOING AROUND

"The symptoms of this syndrome are belated contrition, heart palpitations and nervous sweats. They suddenly lose their appetites while dining at the Capital Grille when a federal attorney appears."

NOW THAT FORMER LOBBYIST JACK ABRAMOFF IS COOPERATING WITH FEDERAL PROSECUTORS, BULLMOOSEBLOG, COM SAYS MANY REPUBLICANS WILL BE COM-ING DOWN WITH AN AFFLICTION CALLED "ABRAMOFF SEIZURE SYNDROME."

TERROR ON THE CHEAP

"Looks like the whole thing was pulled off on a teaching assistant's salary."

BOMBING A CROWDED SUBWAY TRAIN APPARENTLY IS AFFORDABLE, SAYS LONDONIST.COM, CITING A BBC REPORT ON THE LOW COST OF LAST JULY'S TERROR ATTACKS. THEY WERE PULLED OFF FOR JUST A FEW HUNDRED BRITISH POUNDS.

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to renew your efforts, doubling your commitment if necessary to ensure success by day's end. You can do it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Try to keep your day as simple as possible by focusing on those things for which your instincts are really calling out. Don't get complicated.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can get plenty done, but much of it will not be on your schedule as you begin. Be prepared to keep an open mind and improvise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be watched, and you can prove something to look at if you try. The effect you have on others must be carefully weighed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be on the same wavelength as one who has been on the apposing side for some time. Begin working toward a common goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Attempts to get

around the truth and make things easy for yourself are likely to backfire. Follow a straight and honest path.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Success can be yours, but only if you are willing to do what is scheduled — without being tempted to color outside the lines.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What begins as a lark is sure to get serious, and you had better be sure you're not left behind in some respect. Competition heats up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What you call overwork may be unavoidable, but it can prove worthwhile by day's end. In time, you'll most certainly thank yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You have news which friends and family members long to hear, but you may not be able to reveal all you know just yet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't jump to conclusions, or assume that others will accept or support your own extreme views. Try a moderate approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Past glories and dreams of the future are likely to combine in dramatic fashion, driving you forward now in a new and acceler-

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



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Mostly cloudy: a little rain late 36°



morning rain 54° / 34°

Friday

Mostly cloudy. breezy, colder

43° / 28°



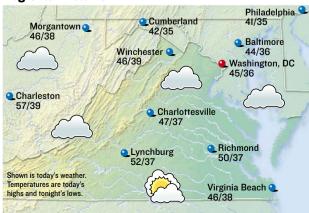
Partly sunny 43°/30°

Sunday

Mostly sunny

45°/35°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues **Temperature**

High	44
Low	42
Normal high	43
Normal low	28
Average humidity	91%
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Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m	0.37"
Month to date	0.46"
Normal month to date	0.30"
Year to date	0.46"
Last year to date	0.02"
Normal year to date	0.30"

washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, areas of morning fog. High 45. Wind variable 5-10 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a bit of rain late. Low 36.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	. 7:27	a.m.
Sunset tonight	. 4:59	p.m.
Moonrise today	10:48	a.m.
Moonset today	10:35	p.m.

Jan 6





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National Weather for Wednesday, January 4

National Cities

City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	67/46/pc	58/35/pc
Boston	36/32/c	40/32/sn
Chicago	40/31/sh	36/24/sf
Dallas	72/40/s	62/37/s
Denver	50/22/pc	44/22/s
Honolulu	78/63/pc	78/66/pc
Los Angeles	74/50/s	82/52/s
Miami	77/57/s	76/57/pc
New York City	39/36/c	45/37/r
Orlando	72/49/s	74/46/nc

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World Cities

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36/24/sf	Berlin	36/30/sn	32/23/s
62/37/s	Buenos Aires	88/67/pc	88/7I/pd
44/22/s	Calgary	44/24/pc	41/23/pc
78/66/pc	Dublin	48/4I/c	46/39/sl
82/52/s	Geneva	36/28/c	31/25/c
76/57/pc	Moscow	25/15/c	18/7/pc
45/37/r	Rome	52/42/sh	48/38/sl
74/46/pc	Sydney	79/66/pc	79/68/sl
54/44/r	Tokyo	46/36/pc	46/34/s

LOOK People



Hunter's widow won't let his name die.

CYCLE

Hunter Spin-Offs Begin Their Rotation

Hunter S. Thompson's widow will co-edit a new magazine called The Woody Creeker, which is expected to hit newsstands next month. ANITA THOMPSON continues to work on a book she calls "Hunters Wisdom." The magazine is named after the Colorado community where Thompson lives. (AP)

BATTLES

Company Drops Artist For Doing Too Much Work

NELLIE MCKAY has been dropped by Columbia Records after a dispute over her sophomore album, "Pretty

Little Head," turned ugly. The album had been set for release Tuesday. McKay had pressed for a 23-song, 65-



minute version, while Columbia wanted it a good bit shorter. "It ain't no use to sit and wonder why — they kept the coffeepot, I got the dog," the 21-year-old said in a statement. (AP)



POLITICS

Reality Bleeds Over Into Reality

The Donald does not want to be the governor. **DONALD TRUMP**, mega-developer and star of "The Apprentice," said he has no interest in running for governor of New York this year. "I'm having too much fun doing what I'm doing now," Trump told the New York Post. He had been suggested as a possible Republican candidate by state Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno. Trump told the Post he might support state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer for governor, the only announced Democratic candidate. (AP)

CAREERS

Sleep With One Eye Open, Dick Clark

E! Entertainment
Television confirmed Tuesday that
RYAN SEACREST has signed

a deal with the cable channel that includes producing and hosting its red-carpet awards coverage. Seacrest, who joined Dick Clark for ABC's "New Year's Rockin' Eve" on Saturday, appears to be emulatThese are funny ear-muffs! I can hear my head!

ing the veteran producer with the three-year, E! contract announced Tuesday. Seacrest will

be executive producer of E!'s "Live From the Red Carpet," starting with the Golden Globes on Jan. 16. He'll share hosting duties with designer Isaac Mizrahi and E!'s Giuliana DePandi. (AP)



Try to picture this person with Fantasia and you might remember who she is.

MILITARY

The Hard Price of Freedom: Subjection to 'Idol' Rejects

How does an "American Idol" stay fresh and pretty while traveling to seven countries in seven days to entertain the troops? **DIANA DEGARMO** says you sleep and eat on schedule — and it helps to bring along your mom. "Some people might call me a party pooper," she said Tuesday while en route to Germany. "But you just have to do it." (AP)

FIELD TRIPS

Prison Inmates Dig Brooding Oscar Hopefuls

JOAQUIN PHOENIX returned Tuesday to the scene of Johnny Cash's most famous concert — Folsom State Prison. About 54 inmates watched "Walk the Line" as the actor, who plays Cash in the film, and his entourage, including musician Shooter Jennings, son of Waylon Jennings, and a host of prison officials toured the facility. (AP)



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- Chicago terminus
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- perhaps
- 15 Chiromancers
- read them 16 Roman
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- perhaps 21 Eagle by the sea
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Today in History

1821 The first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

Britain granted independence to Burma.

1960 Camus died in an auto-French author Albert

mobile accident at age 46. 1965 President Johnson Callined the goals of his Great Society in his State of the Union

President Nixon refused 1974 President Issue... to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

The 104th Congress con-1995 vened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

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Degree of Difficulty: MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's **Solution**

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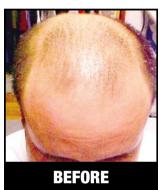
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